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NOTIFICATION

SUB: CONTAINMENT OF THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

The Union Home Secretary, Government of India has, in exercise of powers conferred under section 6(2) (i) the Disaster Management Act, 2005, issued Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29/08/2020 conveying guidelines on Unlock 4 to re-open more activities in areas outside the Containment Zones and to extend the lockdown in Containment Zones up to 30.09.2020

Accordingly, these Guidelines, in so far as their implementation in the State of Sikkim is concerned, are specified and compiled in the attached "Annexure", and are hereby notified for implementation, with the direction that the same may be read in conjunction with the aforesaid guidelines of GOI.

The National Directives for regulation of Public Spaces, Work Places, Commercial and Manufacturing establishments issued by GOI as per the Annexure-1 shall be enforced by the District Magistrates, as per the penal provisions of Disaster Management Act, 2005. These directives, guidelines and the relevant penal provisions of law should be given adequate publicity.

**(R. Telang, IAS)
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Government of Sikkim**

GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
REVISED GUIDELINES ISSUED ON 31.8.2020

In line with the Order No 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29/08/2020 issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and after making an assessment of the situation in Sikkim, the following guidelines are issued which will be effective from 1st September, 2020 (6 A.M.) to 30th September 2020 or till further orders.

1. The following activities shall continue to remain prohibited/ closed across the State, except otherwise provided:-

- i. All educational, training, coaching institutions, schools, colleges etc. to remain closed till 30th September, 2020.
 - a. Online/distance learning shall continue to be permitted and shall be encouraged.
 - b. 50% of teaching and non-teaching staff shall report to the Schools for online teaching/tele-counselling and related work w.e.f. 21st September, 2020 for which Standard Operating procedure (SOP) will be issued by Government of India (GOI).
 - c. Students of classes 9 to 12 may be permitted to visit their schools in areas outside the Containment Zones only on voluntary basis, for taking guidance from their teachers. This will be subject to written consent of their parents/guardians and will be permitted with effect from 21st September, 2020 for which, SOP will be issued by GOI.
 - d. Skill or entrepreneurship training will be in State Skill Training Institute, Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), short term training centres registered with National Skill Development Corporation and State Skill Development Missions or other Ministries/Departments of Government of India or State Governments.

National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) and their training providers will also be provided.

This will be permitted with effect from 21st September, 2020 for which SOP will be issued by GOI.

- e. Higher Education Institutions only for research scholars (PH.D) post graduate students of technical and professional programmes requiring laboratory/experimental works. These will be permitted by the Department of Education in consultation with Home Department, based on the assessment of the situation, and keeping in view incidence of COVID-19 in the State.
- ii. All cinema halls, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres and similar places will remain closed. However, open air theatres will be permitted to open with effect from 21st September, 2020.
- iii. All social/academic/sports/entertainment/cultural/religious/political functions and other congregations with a ceiling of 100 persons will be permitted with effect from 21st September, 2020, with mandatory wearing of face masks, social distancing, provisions for thermal scanning and hand-wash or sanitizer.

However, marriage related gatherings with a number of guests not exceeding 50 and funeral/last rites related gatherings with number of persons not exceeding 20 will continue to be allowed up to 20th September, 2020 after which the ceiling of 100 persons will apply.

2. The following **activities** are permitted and shall be regulated in following manner:-

A. **Inter-state movement of Persons/Vehicles:**

- i. Inter-state movement of people will be allowed as per the standard registration system. Registration should be made online on www.covid19sikkim.org. In-permits shall be issued to returnees and residents of Sikkim, people employed in government offices, banks, institutions, companies, private establishments, projects and construction sites in Sikkim, skilled workers and people travelling for official work, business or project related works, subject to mandatory medical screening and standard home/facility/project site quarantine protocol as per the SOP of Health Department.
- ii. Inter-state movement of commercial goods carriers (except LCVs) carrying essential goods, hardware, construction material and other merchandise shall be allowed as per the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) notified by Transport Department. However, restriction on interstate movement of light transport vehicles shall continue.

B. **Movement of Persons/Vehicles within the State:-**

- i. Inter-district and intra district movement shall be allowed from Monday to Friday for movement of persons and passengers vehicles (both taxi and private) with following stipulations:
 - a. Vehicles bearing registration number ending with odd digit shall be allowed to ply on days having odd dates.
 - b. Vehicles bearing registration number ending with even digit shall be allowed to ply on days having even dates.
 - c. Small vehicles (vans/cars) shall carry only three passengers; one in the front seat next to the driver and two in the back seat. The contract carriages/luxury taxis/SUVs shall carry only five passengers, one in the front seat next to the driver and two each in the back rows.
- ii. Two-wheelers shall be allowed to ply without pillion rider. The odd-even stipulation shall not apply to two-wheelers.
- iii. LCVs and other commercial vehicles will be allowed to operate without odd/even stipulations within the State.

C. **Government vehicles:-**

- i. All Central/ State Government vehicles will be allowed to ply within the State for official purposes subject to odd-even stipulation and capacity restrictions already notified Sl. No. 2(B) (i) above. The driver and passengers should carry their valid official ID cards with them.

- ii. The passes already issued by the Home Department to various departments and by Health and Family Welfare and Forest & Environment Department and Sikkim Police for their own personnel shall continue to remain valid.

D. Markets, Shops, Institutions, Commercial and Industrial establishments:-

- i. All shops including vehicle showrooms, auto garages and tyre repair shops, barber shops, spas, salons shall remain open with 50% of staff strength. The shops will remain open from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- ii. All hotels/restaurants/bars/fast food centres/sweet-shops/bakeries shall be allowed to operate with 50% of staff strength and 50% of the room/seating capacity. The restaurants/fast food centres/sweet-shops/bakeries shall operate from 8.00 AM to 8.00 PM.
- iii. Gymnasiums shall be allowed to operate with the condition that the occupancy at any given time is only 50% of the total capacity and the timing shall be from 7 AM to 6 PM.
- iv. All other commercial establishments, company offices and institutions shall be allowed to operate with 50% of the staff strength and ensure that social distancing norms are strictly adhered to by all.
- v. Markets shall observe the normal weekly closures, as before.
- vi. Installation of *Aarogya Setu* App by all employees shall be ensured by the Manager or the proprietor, as the case may be.

3. Functioning of Government offices:-

- i. Central Government offices shall operate as per the instructions of GOI and with general application of these guidelines with regard to travel/movement.
- ii. For State Government offices, all Secretaries/HoDs and HoOs shall ensure that up to 50% of the staff attend office on all working days as per the roster and ensure that all important works are promptly attended to. All Gazetted officers will attend office regularly.
- iii. State Government offices shall remain closed on weekend i.e. Saturdays and Sundays till further orders. Concerned HoDs shall make arrangements for sanitizations of the office premises during this period.
- iv. Instructions in (ii) above shall apply to all Boards/Corporations/Societies etc under the administrative control of Government departments.
- v. Installation of *Aarogya Setu* App by all officers and employees shall be ensured.

4. Measures for well-being and safety of persons:-

- i. There shall not be any vehicular movement including private/taxis between 9 PM to 7 AM except for emergency purposes and vehicles on Government duty. District Magistrates shall issue orders under Section 144 of CrPC, for this purpose, and ensure strict compliance.

- ii. Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years, shall stay at home, except for meeting essential requirements and for health purposes, as per the National Directives.

5. Containment Zones:-

The above guidelines shall not apply to the area, locality or the premises declared as the Containment Zone by the concerned DM. The restrictions on movement and activities allowed within the Containment Zones shall be as per the applicable GOI Guidelines issued vide MHA Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29/08/2020.

6. Penal Provisions:-

Any person violating these lockdown measures and the National Directives for COVID-19 Management will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Sec.188 of the IPC, and Sikkim Public Health and Safety (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020.

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National Directives for COVID-19 Management

The National Directives shall be enforced by the District Magistrate through fines and penal action as prescribed in the Disaster Management Act 2005.

PUBLIC SPACES

1. Wearing of face cover is compulsory in all public places, work places
2. All persons in charge of public places, work places and transport shall ensure social distancing as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
3. No organization /manager of public place shall allow gathering of 5 or more persons
4. Gatherings such as marriages and funerals shall remain regulated by the District Magistrate
5. Spitting in public spaces shall be punishable with fine
6. There should be strict ban on sale of liquor, gutka, tobacco etc. and spitting should be strictly prohibited

WORK SPACES

7. All work places shall have adequate arrangements for temperature screening and provide sanitizers at convenient places.
8. Work places shall have a gap of one hour between shifts and will stagger the lunch breaks of staff, to ensure social distancing
9. Persons above 65 years of age and persons with co-morbidities and parents of children below the age of 5 may be encouraged to work from home.
10. Use of *Arogya setu* will be encouraged for all employees both private and public.
11. All organizations shall sanitize their work places between shifts.
12. Large meetings to be prohibited.

MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS

13. Frequent cleaning of common surfaces and mandatory hand washing shall be mandated
14. No overlap of shifts and staggered lunch with social distancing in canteens shall be ensured.
15. Intensive communication and training on good hygiene practices shall be taken up.